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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1998 ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UKRAINE REGARDING RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UKRAINE AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY ON SAFEGUARDS APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

I have the honour to inform you that on 17 December 1997 Verkhovna Rada (Diet) of Ukraine adopted the law of Ukraine "On ratification of the Agreement between Ukraine and the International Atomic Energy Agency on safeguards application in connection with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty".

This Agreement was signed on 21 September 1995 in Vienna with a view to verifying the implementation of the commitments taken by Ukraine pursuant to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty to exclude the diversion of the nuclear energy from peaceful use to production of nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The ratification of this Agreement confirms the consistency of Ukraine's policy in the field of nuclear weapon non-proliferation and proves the aspiration of our country for the activization and strengthening of international cooperation in peaceful nuclear activities.

I would be grateful if you could register this letter as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and circulate it for the information of all delegations taking part in the work of the Conference.

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Permanent Representative of Ukraine

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Draft decision on the reestablishment of an ad hoc committee to negotiate a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

The Conference on Disarmament decides to reestablish under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

The Ad Hoc Committee shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the 1998 session.

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